

Graham, Ayotte, McCain Letter Seeks Confirmation of Presidential Activities During Benghazi Attacks

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WASHINGTON - U.S. Senators Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina), Kelly Ayotte (R-New Hampshire) and John McCain (R-Arizona) today wrote to President Obama asking him to confirm a statement made by former Communications Director for the National Security Council Tommy Vietor that President Obama was absent from the White House Situation Room during the Benghazi attacks.

Text of the Graham-Ayotte-McCain letter is below:

Dear Mr. President:

Last night, the former Communications Director for the National Security Council, Tommy Vietor, stated that on the afternoon and night of September 11, 2012 -- while the U.S. mission in Benghazi, Libya was under attack -- that you never visited the White House Situation Room to monitor events.

Over a year and a half has passed since the terrorist attacks, and the American people still do not have an accounting of your activities during the attack. Mr. President, can you now confirm that Mr. Vietor's account of your absence in the White House Situation Room is accurate?

Thank you again for your attention to this matter.

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